

Appl. No. 09/945,176
Amdt. Dated 12/16/04
Reply to Office action of 06/19/06

Remarks/Arguments

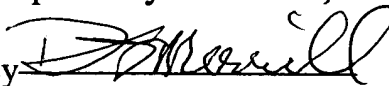
The soul subject of this proposal [Local Electronic Facilitation Venue] is fully defined by Fig. 4, which can be found in the Diagrams and Descriptions section of the original patent request. I regret the confusion any additional diagrams may have caused examiners, but I felt they were necessary to clarify how the LEFV might function.

Since the original filing date for this application [09/04/2001] there has been a good deal of work done in development of hardware particularly in the area of Data Mining and analysis of information. Server technology has been around a long time, but there has been significant development in the area of parallel and distributed computer systems; it is presently possible to acquire off-the-shelf equipment that would meet our needs.

The current state of development for Distributed Operating Systems can be found on the Internet under the title *The Amoeba Distributed Operating System*, Andrew S. Tanenbaum & Gregory J. Sharp, Vrije Universiteit, De Boelelaan, 1081a, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Email: ast@cs.vu.nl, gregor@cs.vu.nl

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments